

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. - 30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A liquid aspirator, in particular for liquids containing solids, the liquid aspirator comprising:

a housing comprising a receptacle and a lid;

at least one aspirator motor arranged in the housing;

[[a]] the receptacle having enclosing at least two receiving chambers for liquid, each of the at least two receiving chambers having an air aspiration opening that is connected to a vacuum side of the at least one aspirator motor and is provided with a main valve;

a vacuum connector connected to the receptacle, wherein liquid is sucked into the receptacle through the vacuum connector with the at least one aspirator motor, wherein a section of the vacuum connector arranged inside the receptacle has for each one of the at least two receiving chambers a separate closeable opening so that the vacuum connector communicates separately with each one of the at least two receiving chambers;

a drainage connected to the receptacle through which drainage liquid contained in the receptacle drains from the receptacle;

a control that ~~controls that~~ acts on the main valves so as to alternately open and close the air aspiration openings so that the at least two receiving chambers are alternately filled with liquid through the closeable openings of the vacuum connector, respectively, and so that one of the at least two receiving chambers that are currently not being filled are being is drained.

32. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least two receiving chambers each have one of the at least one aspirator motor alternately switched on and off by the control.

33. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least one aspirator motor is actuated by the control for alternating aspiration of liquid into the at least two receiving chambers.

34. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the control is a mechanical control.

35. (currently amended) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least two receiving chambers each are sealed relative to ~~[[a]]~~ the vacuum side of the at least one aspirator motor by a main valve.

36. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 35, wherein the main valves are coupled to one another so as to open and close alternately.

37. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 36, wherein the main valves are mechanically connected to one another.

38. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 37, wherein the main valves are coupled by a linkage.

39. (currently amended) The liquid aspirator according to claim 37 ~~[[38]]~~, ~~wherein the linkage is connected to~~ comprising a switching flap ~~and that~~ that pivots the ~~switching flap~~ for connecting the vacuum side of the at least one aspirator motor alternately to one of the at least two receiving chambers.

40. (currently amended) The liquid aspirator according to claim 39, wherein the switching flap is connected to a linkage comprising two switching levers and forms the main valves.

41. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 35, wherein the at least two receiving chambers each have a float secured in a guide.

42. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 41, wherein the float is arranged underneath the main valve, respectively, so that a rise of liquid in the at least two receiving chambers past a predetermined level forces the float against the main valve and closes the main valve, respectively.

43. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 42, wherein the guide has a lower area with penetrations and an upper area that is closed circumferentially, wherein the guide surrounds in the upper area sealingly the float when lifted.

44. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 41, wherein the at least two receiving chambers each are sealingly connected by an auxiliary valve to an exhaust side of the at least one aspirator motor.

45. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 44, wherein a connection of the exhaust side of the at least one aspirator motor to the at least two

receiving chambers is realized by the guide, respectively.

46. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 45, wherein a connecting channel extends from a side of the auxiliary valve facing away from the exhaust side of the aspirator motor to the float neighboring the auxiliary valve, respectively.

47. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 46, wherein the main valve and the auxiliary valve of each one of the at least two receiving chambers are coupled to open and close alternatingly.

48. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 47, wherein the main valves and the auxiliary valves are coupled mechanically.

49. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 48, wherein the main valves are coupled by a first rocker.

50. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 49, wherein the auxiliary valves are coupled by a second rocker.

51. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 50, wherein the first and second rockers are rigidly connected to one another.

52. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least two receiving chambers have essentially a cylindrical shape.

53. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least two receiving chambers have identical volume.

54. (currently amended) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least two receiving chambers are arranged ~~within one~~ inside the other ~~another~~.

55. (previously presented) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the at least two receiving chambers have a bottom side that is closable by a common vacuum flap supported pivotably between two stops such that, when the vacuum flap rests against one of the two stops, the vacuum flap closes off a first one of the at least two receiving chambers and opens a second one of the at least two receiving chambers toward the drainage.

56. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the receptacle is pivotably supported.

57. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 56, wherein the receptacle is supported so as to swing about a substantially horizontal axle.

58. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 57, wherein the at least two receiving chambers each have an air aspiration opening and the air aspiration openings are alternatingly connected to a vacuum side of the at least one aspirator motor by pivoting the receptacle.

59. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 58, wherein the air aspiration openings are arranged in a wall area of the receptacle which wall area is curved with a substantially constant radius about a pivot axis of the receptacle.

60. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 56, wherein the receptacle is divided into the at least two receiving chambers such that as liquid rises in a first one of the at least two receiving chambers, a center of gravity of the receptacle shifts, causing the receptacle to automatically pivot into a position that releases a second one of the at least two receiving chambers for filling with liquid.

61. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 31, wherein the receptacle in cross-section has substantially a circular shape that is divided by a partition into two of the at least two receiving chambers and said two of the at least two receiving chambers each have a substantially semi-circular cross-section.

62. (withdrawn) The liquid aspirator according to claim 61, wherein the two receiving chambers each have an air aspiration opening and the air aspiration openings are alternatingly connected to a vacuum side of the at least one aspirator motor, wherein the air aspiration openings are arranged adjacent one another on opposite sides of the partition and have closable drainage openings positioned opposite one another relative to the partition.